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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.  
August 4, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Rev. John Kellogg, Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Dear God, life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. Help us be swift to love and make haste to be kind.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 28, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 28, 2023, at 2:23 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 788.

That the Senate passed S. 992.

That the Senate passed S. 1528.

That the Senate passed S. 1608.

That the Senate passed S. 1858.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2544.

Appointments:

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki).

United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on July 27, 2023, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 423. To take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3672. To designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Indian River, Michigan, as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

H.R. 4004. To approve and implement the Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States regarding Trade between the United States of American and Taiwan, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1576. A letter from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Access to Video Conferencing; Implementation of Sections 716 and 717 of the Communications Act, as enacted by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; et. al., Report and Order [CG Docket No.: 23-161; CG Docket No.: 10-213; and CG Docket No.: 03-123] received July 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1577. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of regulatory guide — RG 5.83 Revision 1; Cybersecurity Event Notifications received July 31, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1578. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-178, "Association Meeting Flexibility Temporary Amendment Act

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of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1579. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-180, "Virtual Open Meetings Authority Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1580. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-181, "Friendship Heights Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1581. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-182, "Golden Triangle Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1582. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-183, "Children's National Hospital Research and Innovation Campus Equitable Tax Relief Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1583. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-185, "St. Augustine School Way Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1584. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-184, "Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1585. A letter from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Architect of the Capitol, transmitting Statement of Disbursements of the Architect of the Capitol for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1868a(a); Public Law 113-76, div. I, title I, Sec. 1301(a); (428 Stat. 428) (H. Doc. No. 118-59); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ALFORD (for himself and Ms. CRAIG):

H.R. 5134. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve the biobased markets program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. MFUME, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. PORTER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MENG, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. TLAI, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. LIEU, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 5135. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an additional 1,000 percent excise tax on the sale of large capacity ammunition feeding devices and semiautomatic assault weapons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Ms. SCHRIER):

H.R. 5136. A bill to address infrastructure needs for food banks serving rural communities and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 5137. A bill to reauthorize and expand the pilot program to help individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder become stably housed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. ESTES):

H.R. 5138. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. CRAIG:

H.R. 5139. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to increase the fine for certain fraudulent activities related to funds for child nutrition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. DeLAURO (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 5140. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the implementation of infant-toddler court teams within States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 5141. A bill to authorize funding for section 619 and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. SMUCKER, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 5142. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make updates to the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 5143. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide authority to add additional vaccines to the list of taxable vaccines; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. BRECHEEN):

H.R. 5144. A bill to prohibit officers, employees, and elected officials of the Federal Government from having, establishing, maintaining official accounts on Tik Tok, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. CHU, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MENG, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. TLAI):

H.R. 5145. A bill to extend immigration benefits to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other gender-based violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. PENCE):

H.R. 5146. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the gig economy and the impact the gig economy has on the United States overall economy, including the impact that State laws have had on the gig economy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. HUNT, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 5147. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase certain goal for participation in Federal contracts by small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, to exclude such self-certified concerns from Governmentwide and Federal agency goals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5148. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a centralized database to record and maintain information relating to training performed by members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5149. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to provide stipends to certain members separating from the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5150. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report evaluating beneficiary access to TRICARE network pharmacies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5151. A bill to require responsiveness testing of Defense Logistics Agency pharmaceutical contracts; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5152. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a program to ensure, under certain conditions, that members of the Armed Forces are automatically enrolled in benefits and services under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for which such members are eligible; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5153. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to employ veterans in certain wildland

firefighting activities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ (for herself, Mr. CASAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FROST, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. OMAR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. BALINT, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. FOUSHEE, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 5154. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to promulgate regulations with respect to regional and interregional transmission planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. BICE, Mr. HIMES, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 5155. A bill to establish a new non-immigrant category for alien relatives of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents seeking to enter the United States temporarily for family purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POSEY (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 5156. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to amend regulations relating to exemptions for engines and equipment for purposes of national security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SALINAS (for herself and Mr. NEGESE):

H.R. 5157. A bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to reauthorize and expand State-wide assessment and strategies for forest resources; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Ms. OMAR, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 5158. A bill to terminate authorizations for the use of military force and declarations of war not later than 10 years after the enactment of such authorizations or declarations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SEWELL (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 5159. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure stability in payments to home health agencies under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SORENSEN (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 5160. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research relating to measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. FULCHER, and Mr. BABIN):

H.R. 5161. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 with respect to prohibited uses of funds under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. TOKUDA (for herself, Mr. CASE, and Mrs. PELTOLA):

H.R. 5162. A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to extend education grant programs for Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 5163. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow for the use of telehealth in substance use disorder treatment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WALTZ:

H.R. 5164. A bill to amend title 5 of the United States Code to require certain financial disclosures regarding all children of the President and the Vice President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mr. EVANS):

H. Res. 644. A resolution calling on the Judicial Conference of the United States to authorize that the trial of former President Donald J. Trump for his alleged crimes related to his efforts to overturn the 2020 election and his role in the January 6, 2021 insurrection be broadcast to the American public; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. NORTON, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. CARAVEO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. CARSON, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. GALLEGU, Ms. PORTER, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. IVEY, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. CROW, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. TITUS, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. LIEU, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BERA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. WATERS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. SOTO, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Ms. CHU):

H. Res. 645. A resolution recognizing the significance of "Chicano Heritage Month" in August as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Mexican Americans to the history of the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. DELBENE:

H. Res. 646. A resolution recognizing the launch of the Redmond Space District in partnership with the City of Redmond and OneRedmond, showcasing the growth of Redmond's Space Cluster; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. THANEDAR (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H. Res. 647. A resolution expressing support for the designation of August 15, 2023, as "Indian Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of World's Two Largest Democracies"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mrs. MCCLAIN):

H. Res. 648. A resolution reaffirming the close partnership between the United States and the Republic of Kosovo; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 5134.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve the biobased markets program, and for other purposes

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 5135.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Gun violence prevention

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 5136.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Food Security

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 5137.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Housing

By Mr. COURTNEY:

H.R. 5138.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Medicare coverage of skilled nursing facility care

By Ms. CRAIG:

H.R. 5139.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To increase fine for fraudulent activities for child nutrition programs

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 5140.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide the statutory authority for the Infant & Toddler Court program.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 5141.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Authorizes appropriations to both Part B, Section 619 and Part C of IDEA funding federal grants to assist states with early intervention services for children with disabilities aged 3-5 and 0-3.

By Mr. DOGGETT:

H.R. 5142.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

to modernize the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

By Mr. DOGGETT:

H.R. 5143.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

to streamline the application of the vaccine excise tax.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 5144.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit officers, employees, and elected officials of the Federal Government from having, establishing, or maintaining official accounts on TikTok.

By Ms. JAYAPAL:

H.R. 5145.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 4 provides Congress with the power to establish a “uniform rule of Naturalization.”

The single subject of this legislation is:

Immigration

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5146

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to “regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.”

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the gig economy and the impact the gig economy has on the United States overall economy, including the impact that State laws have had on the gig economy.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:

H.R. 5147.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation only pertains to: increasing certain goal for participation in Federal contracts owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5148.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a centralized database to record and maintain information relating to training performed by members of the Armed Forces.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5149.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to provide stipends to certain members separating from the Armed Forces.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5150.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report evaluating beneficiary access to TRICARE network pharmacies.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5151

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require responsiveness testing of Defense Logistics Agency pharmaceutical contracts.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5152.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a program to ensure, under certain conditions, that members of the Armed Forces are automatically enrolled in benefits and services under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for which such members are eligible.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5153.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to employ veterans in certain wildland firefighting activities.

By Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ:

H.R. 5154.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to promulgate regulations with respect to regional and interregional transmission planning, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 5155.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Visitor visas

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 5156.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

A bill to direct the Environmental Protection Agency to amend regulations relating to exemptions for engines and fire equipment for purposes of national security.

By Ms. SALINAS:

H.R. 5157.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to Article I, Section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Forest Management Resources

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 5158.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Foreign policy

By Ms. SEWELL:

H.R. 5159.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress shall have the power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Con-

stitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Office thereof of Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure stability in payments to home health agencies under the Medicare program.

By Mr. SORENSEN:

H.R. 5160.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Agriculture

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 5161.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To protect hunting, archery, and shooting sports in schools

By Ms. TOKUDA:

H.R. 5162.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Amending the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to extend education grant programs for Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions.

By Mr. TRONE:

H.R. 5163.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow for the use of telehealth in substance use disorder treatment, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WALTZ:

H.R. 5164.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Government Ethics

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 11: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SORENSEN, and Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 34: Mr. FROST.

H.R. 45: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 79: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.

H.R. 82: Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 88: Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 353: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 396: Mr. TRONE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. MFUME.

H.R. 416: Mr. GOOD of Virginia.

H.R. 431: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 531: Mr. EDWARDS.

H.R. 533: Ms. WILD.

H.R. 620: Mr. MAGAZINER.

H.R. 681: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, and Mr. SCHNEIDER.

H.R. 830: Mr. CISCOMANI.

H.R. 920: Mr. MOYLAN.

H.R. 984: Mrs. KIM of California and Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 1005: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK and Ms. SALAZAR.

H.R. 1124: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

- H.R. 1173: Mr. TRONE.  
H.R. 1191: Ms. MENG.  
H.R. 1247: Mr. MFUME.  
H.R. 1331: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.  
H.R. 1413: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.  
H.R. 1437: Mr. PERRY and Mrs. BICE.  
H.R. 1555: Mr. COSTA.  
H.R. 1608: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 1610: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. ROSS, and Ms. HOULAHAN.  
H.R. 1645: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 1776: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. NICKEL, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.  
H.R. 1788: Mr. SCHIFF and Mr. VASQUEZ.  
H.R. 1823: Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.  
H.R. 1833: Mr. KHANNA.  
H.R. 2377: Mr. PAYNE.  
H.R. 2439: Ms. ESCOBAR.  
H.R. 2450: Mr. RYAN.  
H.R. 2463: Mr. LEVIN, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. DOGGETT.  
H.R. 2480: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
H.R. 2510: Mr. STAUBER.  
H.R. 2530: Mr. VARGAS.  
H.R. 2531: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
H.R. 2534: Mr. POCAN.  
H.R. 2584: Ms. WILD and Mr. PAPPAS.  
H.R. 2630: Mr. MAST, Mr. COLE, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, and Mr. POSEY.  
H.R. 2693: Mr. NICKEL, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. MAST, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. PETERS.  
H.R. 2725: Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. MFUME, and Mr. GALLEGGO.  
H.R. 2729: Mr. CLYBURN.  
H.R. 2776: Mr. BILIRAKIS.  
H.R. 2800: Mr. NEGUSE and Mr. SHERMAN.  
H.R. 2846: Mrs. SYKES.  
H.R. 2891: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.  
H.R. 2897: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
H.R. 2991: Mr. GOOD of Virginia and Mr. WEBER of Texas.  
H.R. 3031: Mr. EVANS and Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 3036: Mr. NUNN of Iowa and Mrs. HINSON.  
H.R. 3039: Mr. ROY.  
H.R. 3093: Ms. TLAIB.  
H.R. 3108: Ms. PEREZ and Mr. GALLEGGO.  
H.R. 3139: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mrs. BICE.  
H.R. 3152: Mr. FROST, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. CISCOMANI, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. ESTES, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CARTER of Texas, and Mr. BUCHANAN.  
H.R. 3199: Mr. LUCAS.  
H.R. 3246: Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 3269: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. GUEST, and Mrs. LESKO.  
H.R. 3310: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
H.R. 3320: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
H.R. 3475: Ms. MANNING.  
H.R. 3497: Mr. GALLEGGO.  
H.R. 3503: Mr. KEATING.  
H.R. 3547: Ms. PORTER.  
H.R. 3576: Mr. CARBAJAL.  
H.R. 3581: Ms. PETTERSEN.  
H.R. 3600: Mr. KEATING and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.  
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H.R. 3710: Mr. SWALWELL.  
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H.R. 3774: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. BUCHANAN, and Mr. CISCOMANI.  
H.R. 3843: Mr. FERGUSON, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. BROWNLEY.  
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H.R. 3887: Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. MANN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. ELLZEY, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.  
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H.R. 4052: Ms. STANSBURY.  
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H.R. 4157: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
H.R. 4163: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 4175: Mr. VEASEY and Mr. COSTA.  
H.R. 4182: Ms. SEWELL, Mr. MFUME, and Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
H.R. 4183: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.  
H.R. 4315: Ms. PEREZ.  
H.R. 4379: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 4440: Mr. MFUME and Ms. BONAMICI.  
H.R. 4529: Mr. CRENSHAW.  
H.R. 4531: Mr. NEGUSE and Ms. TENNEY.  
H.R. 4540: Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 4549: Mr. GALLEGGO.  
H.R. 4550: Ms. MCCLELLAN and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
H.R. 4564: Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.  
H.R. 4566: Mr. KILDEE.  
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H.R. 4581: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 4611: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 4721: Mr. SELF, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Ms. LEE of Florida, and Mr. GOOD of Virginia.  
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H.R. 4746: Ms. TITUS and Ms. DEGETTE.  
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H.R. 4831: Mr. CURTIS.  
H.R. 4840: Mr. TRONE.  
H.R. 4842: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.  
H.R. 4856: Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. NEGUSE.  
H.R. 4860: Ms. TENNEY.  
H.R. 4862: Mrs. HINSON and Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 4878: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio and Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
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H.R. 4975: Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. IVEY.  
H.R. 4976: Mr. SCHIFF and Ms. JAYAPAL.  
H.R. 4989: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 4998: Mr. DONALDS and Mr. BIGGS.  
H.R. 5010: Mrs. FOUSHEE.  
H.R. 5012: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 5030: Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 5032: Mr. GOOD of Virginia.  
H.R. 5073: Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. FLETCHER, and Mr. MANN.  
H.R. 5086: Mr. MFUME.  
H.R. 5091: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 5107: Mr. CLOUD.  
H.R. 5110: Ms. TENNEY, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. CLINE, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, and Mr. MCHENRY.  
H.R. 5120: Mr. NEGUSE.  
H.R. 5132: Mr. IVEY.  
H.J. Res. 72: Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. GALLEGGO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CASTEN, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.  
H. Con. Res. 56: Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PORTER, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. HUFFMAN.  
H. Con. Res. 61: Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Ms. JAYAPAL.  
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H. Res. 472: Ms. LOFGREN.  
H. Res. 538: Mr. POSEY.  
H. Res. 599: Mr. LAWLER.  
H. Res. 615: Mr. SOTO.  
H. Res. 627: Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. STAUBER, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. NORMAN.  
H. Res. 634: Mr. GRIJALVA.  
H. Res. 636: Ms. LEE of California.

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#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

PT-5. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Borough of South River, relative to Resolution No. 2023-232, opposing H.R. 3557 and urging the House and Senate not to pass the legislation; Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 12:03 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable PETER WELCH, a Senator from the State of Vermont.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The Parliamentarian read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, August 4, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable PETER WELCH, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. WELCH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 8, 2023, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:03 and 30 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 10 a.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR TECHNICAL SERGEANT MICHAEL BETTIS

### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Tech Sergeant Michael A. Bettis.

Sergeant Bettis is retiring upon 20 years of tireless service to our Nation. His service in the U.S. Air Force as a Firefighter spanned from 2000 through 2004, during which he was twice deployed. During his deployment in the UAE, he was selected for Senior Airman below zone, and also earned the Air Force Achievement Medal. He then deployed to Qatar in 2004, before a brief return to civilian life.

Tech Sergeant Bettis was called back to our Nation's service in the West Virginia Air National Guard, wherein he cross-trained into the Security Forces in 2008, and deployed a third time in 2010 to Saudi Arabia. He reenlisted in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, where he finished his storied and successful career.

Mr. Speaker. I'm privileged to commend Tech Sergeant Michael Bettis on his tireless, selfless and loyal service to the United States, and I wish him Godspeed in his future.

HONORING THE DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT (DART) 40TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I stand to commemorate a momentous milestone in the history of North Texas. It is with great excitement that we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system, a creation that has continued to link our communities together over the years.

Four decades ago, in 1983, a vision was born to transform the Dallas Regional Transport system—a limited municipal bus system—into a well-developed transportation network that would connect our neighborhoods, bridge distances, and bring people closer together. Today, we stand with great appreciation for that dream as the DART has served not only as a system of trains but also to unify the metropolitan area.

Throughout its history, the transport system started as a small rail line of just 65 miles that connected Denison to Downtown Dallas. Moving forward, the rail line served a greater purpose than just transporting people, but also worked to transport the workers and materials that have helped advance the development of our beloved North Texas communities. Today, this system boasts over 90 miles of track, making it one of the longest light rails in the

United States. DART not only has connected people across the community but has also continued to serve as a means of promoting economic growth by providing greater access to local businesses.

I stand here today to celebrate the accomplishments we have seen over the past 40 years; it is important to continue to look forward. As the greater Dallas area continues to grow and evolve, DART will continue to serve not just as a train but as a means to connect our community. Congratulations on 40 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WARREN ZAHNER

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the loss of a quiet force for good in Eastern Connecticut, Dr. Warren Zahner of Ellington. Aged 72, Mr. Zahner passed away sadly but peacefully on June 30, 2023.

Born April, 1951 to Emanuel and Clara Zahner in Hartford, Connecticut, Warren was raised with a strong work ethic and a caring heart. Upon graduating high school, he chose the healing profession of dentistry as his career path, which is a demanding course that required both hard work and empathy for others. A diligent student at the University of Connecticut, he graduated in 1976 and completed a residency at the prestigious Hartford Hospital the following year.

Dentistry was not just his life bread and butter, but his passion as a medium to serve the broader community. For 43 years, until 2019, the quality of his work was admired and appreciated by thousands of his patients, and all of his peers in health care in Ellington and northeast Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, The Town of Ellington is situated midway between the University of Connecticut and his hometown of Hartford, the perfect spot for Warren to settle in and grow his practice and his family. Over time, he decided to give back to his profession that provided him so much in life by joining the faculty at UConn as a clinical instructor.

Throughout his years, Warren always prioritized the relationships he met along the way—between his family, his clientele and staff, in his volunteer capacities and as a leader within his community of faith. He was also known to export his caring skills abroad by regularly volunteering in a Haitian dental clinic. After his retirement, Warren continued serving his community by joining the ranks of the Midwest Food Bank, working as a coordinator for the organization.

Mr. Speaker, often it is those who don't seek the limelight who are the most willing to really dedicate their time toward helping others. Doctor Zahner was one of those good people. Speaking personally, it was an honor to know Warren as a neighbor and patient. We mourn his loss but have faith that the

large family which both he and his wife Bonnie have raised, including their four children Michael Shawn Jonathan and Elisa and 14 grandchildren, will greatly extend the length of his memory. Now that he has left this world, we can also find solace in that he has been met by one of his greatest longings, to reunion with his young, late son David Aaron Zahner.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Warren Zahner.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LIEUTENANT MICHAEL WOOD

### HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Lieutenant Michael Wood who served the Newberry, South Carolina community for over 20 years as an officer at the Newberry Police Department and passed away while in the line of duty on July 26, 2023. Lieutenant Wood, a resident of Prosperity, South Carolina, is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and two sons, Brandon and Alexander.

In 2003, Lieutenant Wood began serving the Newberry Police Department as an officer. In 2006, his dedication and commitment earned him a promotion to Corporal and subsequently Sergeant and Lieutenant.

While on duty on July 26, Lieutenant Wood responded to a call for service and was involved in a motor vehicle accident—succumbing to his injuries later. Newberry Police Chief Goodman praised Lieutenant Wood's service, work ethic, and creative community policing. For example, the "walk-and-talk" program was created by Lieutenant Wood to allow law enforcement and citizens to build a relationship founded on trust. Together, police officers and community members would walk the streets of Newberry while talking about life, sports, family or anything—just no talking about work. It was not about explaining law enforcement efforts, but rather helping to show communities that law enforcement officers are human and have the same passions, struggles, joys and dreams as their community.

Lieutenant Wood was a 1998 graduate of Newberry College where he also played football. Active in his community, he taught life lessons as both a baseball coach and Boy Scout leader, was a member of Wightman United Methodist Church and served on the Board of Directors for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to recognize the life and selfless service of Lieutenant Michael Wood. I know Jennifer, Brandon and Alexander will remember him as a great husband and father, but Newberry will remember him as a friend, protector and inspiration. As the Apostle John said in the 15th chapter and 13th verse, "Greater love hath no man than

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this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Lieutenant Wood answered the call to be a police officer and answered the call again on July 26, 2023. My thoughts and prayers are with the Wood family, the Newberry Police Department and the entire community who mourns this tragic loss of life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF POLICE  
CHIEF KEN BURK

**HON. ZACHARY NUNN**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Winterset, Iowa's Chief of Police, Ken Burk, who passed away on July 21, 2023, at the age of 59. Chief Burk spent the last 20 years dedicated to serving his community as Police Chief, and he leaves behind a lasting legacy of exceptional service.

To the people of Winterset, Ken Burk was more than just a Police Chief—he was a true pillar in his community. In a town of just over 5,300, almost everyone knew Chief Burk. Widely respected and always ready to chat about classic cars or the Kansas City Chiefs, he is remembered as a man who truly cared about his fellow neighbors and worked valiantly to keep his town safe.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in remembering Chief Ken Burk as not only a tremendous public servant and protector, but as an even better person.

APPLICABILITY OF THE AIRLINE  
DEREGULATION ACT TO STATE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRO-  
GRAMS

**HON. LANCE GOODEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an important issue to both our nation's employers and their employees; and that is regarding the applicability of the Airline Deregulation Act (ADA) to State Workers' Compensation programs. When Congress enacted the ADA in 1978, one of the main goals was to place maximum reliance on competitive market forces to help lower prices and improve efficiency, innovation, variety, and competition in the delivery of air transportation services.

But the ADA was never intended to prohibit states from regulating workers' compensation systems.

In my home state of Texas, there has been litigation on this issue for over a decade, and there is no end in sight. That is why Congress needs to step in and why I filed Amendment 300 to H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act.

My amendment, which unfortunately was not able to be made in order as part of the House's consideration of H.R. 3935, would have amended the Airline Deregulation Act to clarify that the original intent of the ADA was not to preempt state workers' compensation laws with respect to billing and payments for air ambulance services.

The foundation of the state workers' compensation system is individual state regulation of reimbursement amounts under their workers' compensation medical fee schedules, thereby creating cost transparency. In most states, this is accomplished by setting workers' compensation medical fee services at a percentage above what providers receive under Medicare.

As a result, workers' compensation coverage is widely available to employers of every size across all industries; and ensures employees are protected from the economic impact of workplace injuries.

Unfortunately, the protections and certainty this system affords both employers and workers alike started to be undermined in 2010 when numerous air ambulance service providers began asserting the ADA preempts state workers' compensation medical fee schedules, creating a pathway for air ambulance fees to unreasonably skyrocket.

The preemption of state workers' compensation laws within the ADA is a pure accident. When Congress passed the ADA in 1978 to deregulate the airline industry, it certainly did not intend to deregulate workers' compensation insurance payments to air ambulance companies.

As part of the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act, Congress established the Air Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee at the Department of Transportation to address several issues involving air ambulance companies, including medical fees, consumer choice, and protecting consumers from balance billing. In March 2022, the Advisory Committee submitted its report to Congress, which included a recommendation to amend the ADA to clarify that it does not preempt state laws relating to state regulation of workers' compensation insurance programs.

My proposed amendment to H.R. 3935 embodies the Advisory Committee's recommendation and will address the accidental preemption of state workers' compensation laws and the inadvertent federalization of a part of state workers' compensation systems. This simple clarification that the ADA preemption provision does not apply to state workers' compensation payments for air ambulance services will return the issue to the states where it belongs, and air ambulance companies will have every opportunity to make their arguments on the appropriate payment amounts for their services within each state's workers' compensation system.

Unfortunately, my amendment was not included in the bill that was considered by the House, but I will continue to work with other members on legislation to address this important issue.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF MISS JESSICA THOMPSON OF  
MARYLAND

**HON. DAVID J. TRONE**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Miss Jessica Thompson, a resident of Middletown, Maryland and member of the Frederick County Knucklers marble shooting team. On June 22,

2023, Miss Thompson won the 100th Annual National Marbles Tournament. In addition to winning the top title in the girls' division, she won the honor of Good Sportsmanship. These titles earned her a college scholarship.

As this year marks the 100th annual tournament, it is regarded as the oldest children's competitive sport in the United States, having started in 1922. During the week of June 22nd, young girls and boys from all across the nation gathered to participate in tournaments, engaging in over 1,200 games of Ringer. Throughout the intense three-day event, Jessica displayed her exceptional skills by competing in more than 100 games. With determination and skill, she clinched the championship.

It is with great pride that Maryland's sixth district welcomes the Queen of Marbles home to Middletown, and we wish her continued success in all of her endeavors.

HONORING THOMAS (TOMMY)  
CHRISTOPHER CHATMON, JR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, a dedicated servant leader, seasoned business executive, faithful civil rights activist, great strategic thinker, loving husband, committed father, and friend of long-standing, Thomas (Tommy) Christopher Chatmon, Jr. Sadly, Tommy transitioned this life from labor to reward on July 22, 2023. A homegoing service celebrating his remarkable life will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at The Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia.

Thomas (Tommy) Christopher Chatmon, Jr. was born in Albany, Georgia, on December 19, 1954, the third of 5 children to the late Thomas C. Chatmon, Sr., and Alma Chatmon. Raised in a God-fearing family, he became a member of Bethel AME Church, where he was a lifelong member and sang in the choir. His first fruits of education came as a student at the Hazard Laboratory School for Primary Education and St. Teresa's Catholic School in Albany. Tommy was also a product of the Dougherty County School System, graduating from Albany High School in 1972. Tommy made history while at Albany High School, becoming the marching band's first African American drum major. His love of music continued, and he delayed college after graduating with honors to travel with a band called Eden from 1968 to 1974.

In 1974, Tommy followed in his father's footsteps by attending our Alma Mater, Morehouse College. He graduated from Morehouse in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in political science. One of Tommy's proudest moments at Morehouse was when he was selected to serve as a U.S. Congressional Intern, in the office of United States Congresswoman Cardiss Hortense Collins.

After graduating from Morehouse, Tommy returned to his hometown roots in Albany to operate a family-owned business, Chatmon's Beauty Supply, Inc. He was a great strategic entrepreneur and as Chief Operating Officer for 17 years, he helped grow the family business to 10 retail locations in 4 different states.



Tommy's professional career also took him to work as the District Manager for the Georgia Census Bureau in 1980. In 1984, he was the Campaign Manager for Standup Strain's bid for Dougherty County Sheriff. Tommy cemented his bonafides during this time as a deeply respected political figure and social activist, once again following in the footsteps of his father, who had been active in the Albany Civil Rights Movement.

In 1998, when leaders in Albany decided to revitalize the city's downtown area by forming Albany Tomorrow, Inc., Tommy was selected to serve as its Executive Director. Forever a visionary and forward thinker, he was able to bring people and projects together for downtown to include the Hilton Garden Inn, The Flint River Aquarium, The Ray Charles Plaza, Turtle Grove Park, SKATE Park, The Albany Law Enforcement Center and Police Headquarters, Department of Human Resources Administrative Building, The Central Square, The Science Discovery Children's Museum, parking garages for the downtown business district, and The Dougherty County School Board Administrative Building. Tommy's proudest moment as the Executive Director was the groundbreaking of the Albany Civil Rights Institute, which tells the story of Albany's prominent role in the modern-day Civil Rights Movement. As his good friend Glenn Singfield put it, "There wouldn't be an Albany today without Albany Tomorrow, and there wouldn't have been an Albany Tomorrow without Tommy Chatmon."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Faith is sometimes taking the first step without seeing the full staircase." In 2007, Thomas took a step on faith with the lessons he learned in his stint with Albany Tomorrow carrying his creative talents to Orlando, Florida, where the mayor appointed him as Executive Director of the Downtown Development Board/Community Redevelopment Agency. In this role, Tommy oversaw economic development for the Community Redevelopment Agency. He played a crucial role in achieving some of downtown Orlando's premier development in retail and business recruitment, marketing and special events programming, and housing development within the Community Redevelopment Area to include:

The Amway Center, The Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Sun Rail, Chase, Plaza, Church Street Plaza, Citi Tower, Creative Village, 55 West, and many more.

It has been said that "service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Tommy Chatmon paid his rent, and he paid it well. He gave his time, talent, and treasure to numerous social and civil organizations, serving as Chair of Homeless Service Network of Central Florida Board, and the Starter Studio Board, The International Downtown Association (IDA), Nap Ford Community School, MyRegion.ORG, WMFW Community Advisory Board, and the Central Florida Urban League Board.

Tommy has been honored for his dedicated Community service to include Orlando's "10 Businessmen to Watch" and Orlando Magazine's "50 Most Powerful People", Georgia Trend Magazine's 100 Most Influential Georgians, Martin Luther King Celebration Leadership Award, and the Leadership Albany Outstanding Alumni Award.

Tommy accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without

the grace of God, the love and support of his elementary school sweetheart, his beloved wife Brenetta, and his three children, Yvonne, Brittany, and Cory.

On a personal note, Tommy was my friend, my Morehouse brother, and longtime supporter. Over the years, he gave me wise counsel, for which I will be forever grateful. Likewise, during his life, Tommy did so much for so many for so long. He touched countless lives, and because he did, the world is a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the 765,000 people of the 2nd Congressional District, in extending our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Thomas Christopher Chatmon, Jr., his family, friends, and all who mourn his loss. May we all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING LOGAN  
LANGEMEIER FOR HIS SERVICE  
TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated staffer who is moving on to a new venture. After graduating from Georgia Southern University with a degree in accounting, Logan came to my Congressional office as an intern. Although he is originally from South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, he quickly became an honorary Georgian.

Logan was college football starter for 3 years at Georgia Southern. He was named on Sun Belt Conference Academic Commissioner's List and the Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Role.

Logan has a strong desire to serve, and an even stronger dedication to this country. Despite having a job offer in hand after graduation, Logan chose to come to D.C. to work as an intern, and immediately made an impact on our office.

When the opportunity arose for Logan to join the staff of my House Administration subcommittee, he didn't hesitate. He saw it as another opportunity to serve—and he has been invaluable from day 1.

Logan is moving on to the next phase of his life, where he will begin his career in accounting. Logan has left a lasting impression on our entire team and will be impossible to replace; but I am grateful for his service, and I look forward to seeing him continue to succeed as he enters his new role.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF JOSEPH SCOTT

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Fort

Worth native Joseph Garnett Scott, otherwise affectionately known by many as "Coach Scott" by many in the community.

Joe was a pillar of our community and was well-known around Fort Worth as 1 of the most dapper and well-dressed men in the city. Joe was born in 1953 and was a member of New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for many years. Joe got his education in the Fort Worth Independent School District and graduated from Polytechnic High School, where he was an all-district athlete in football and track. He would go on to earn his bachelor's degree at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas; there, he continued a successful football career as a 3-year starter. He obtained his master's degree at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

Joe spent many years serving our community as a teacher. He started his career in the Fort Worth Independent School District as a Physical Education teacher assistant and track coach at William James Middle School, where his team was successful and won many awards on the track. He then became a Physical Education teacher and head football, track, and soccer coach at Wedgwood Middle School, where his teams were both dominant on the field and track. He would later transition to high school as a ninth-grade English teacher and football and track coach at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. He was known by many for having a gift for forming positive relationships with his students and athletes.

Joe's first administrative position as an Assistant Principal at Handley Middle School, where he consistently supported leadership, students, faculty, and staff. Joe then progressed to an Assistant Principal at Dunbar High School. As a high school assistant principal, his days were filled with working with students and faculty, along with attending many games and activities throughout the school year. Joe's first principalship was at Dunbar 6th Grade Center. Joe thought it was most important that the building reflected a safe, welcoming, and attractive learning environment at all times. For the next 10 years, he was fortunate enough to become principal of his alma mater, Polytechnic High School. His years as the instructional leader of the Poly Parrot Community brought years of hard work, determination, and accomplishments. After this, for the next several years, his love for fashion and style led him to work in the retail industry. Soon after, he felt a strong desire to return to the world of education as a substitute teacher and administrator, where he continued to touch many lives throughout the district.

Joe was also a family man who was a loving husband and father. He was always the life of the party, cracking jokes and enjoying whatever food had been prepared. He was also known for being a "Master" Gardener. He spent endless hours planting flowers and consistently maintaining a manicured yard. He put just as much thought into planning his daily coordinated "outfits". He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Patricia Scott, his children, Tracy Carter, Kena Nicole Knox Brown, Evin Scott, and Whitney Scott; grandchildren Maxine, Connor, and London, Aunt, Willie B Jones, Great-Aunt Macie Bonner and a host of relatives and friends. May his memory live on forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2023  
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL  
OF FAME INDUCTEES

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the 2023 Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame inductees. This year's class of sports superstars includes multiple All-American athletes, high school and collegiate hall-of-fame inductees, an iconic broadcaster, a dedicated official, and more.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

This year's inductees include:

Richard J. Callahan, sports broadcaster  
Scott Davis, athlete—baseball and wrestling  
Eugene S. Domzalski, athlete and coach—baseball

William J. Downey, sports official  
Jamie Kauczka Esgro, athlete—basketball  
Marsha Krysiowski Hanson, athlete—swimming, track and field and field hockey

Joseph J. Hasay, athlete—basketball  
Jim Hill, coach—baseball  
Joanne McComb, athlete and coach—baseball and basketball

Rebecca Mack McGraw, athlete—track and field

Joseph M. O'Hara, DVM, athlete—water polo, swimming, and volleyball

Katlin A. O'Hara, DPM, athlete—swimming, water polo, and track and field

Michael J. Papi, athlete—baseball

James J. Stehle, athlete—baseball

Amy Viti, athlete—track and field and cross country

Ninaleigh Stratton Wozniak, athlete and coach—swimming, softball and volleyball

Each person honored has made local sports history through their outstanding feats of athletic achievement, broadcasting, refereeing, or by leading their teams to victory as coaches. They have left an indelible mark on regional athletics, and I am pleased to celebrate their contributions to our sports communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

It is an honor to recognize these 16 talented individuals on their induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May their stories and impressive careers inspire the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

HONORING SISAY SENBET

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sisay Senbet on receiving the Tom Miller Advocacy Award for his outstanding work and self-advocacy in Didlake's AbilityOne Program, a federal program that creates employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Sisay immigrated to the District of Columbia from Ethiopia in 2010 and started working for

Didlake as a custodian at the Pentagon in 2012. In 2015, he started working the night shift so he could enroll in college. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2019.

Shortly after obtaining his college degree, Sisay was promoted to Site Safety and Health Officer. In his new role, he conducted work inspections and trained new employees in the proper use of safety equipment. Last September, he was promoted to Lead Worker and is now responsible for coordinating and leading the Pentagon custodial crew's day-to-day operations.

In his spare time, Sisay volunteers at his community library, teaching classes and tutoring other individuals with disabilities. In particular, he helps people with visual impairments use screen reading software to access digital information.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to recognize Sisay Senbet, whose life and career are a source of inspiration for both immigrants and individuals with disabilities.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION +  
PUBLIC SAFETY

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I must shed light on the growing public safety concern regarding gun violence.

In 2022, firearm injury was the 12th leading cause of death in the United States of America.

Every day, 120 Americans are killed with guns.

And each year, hundreds of law enforcement officers lose their lives to gun violence, having been shot to death while protecting their communities.

Our government's continued lack of proactivity towards preventing gun violence has led to countless, unnecessary deaths.

Countless lives have been cut far too short, and countless families have had to experience the excruciating pain of knowing their loved one will never make it back home.

And although gun violence affects us all, I would like to highlight the disproportionate effect of gun violence on Black communities.

Black Americans are 10 times more likely than white Americans to die by gun homicide.

Black Americans are three times more likely than white Americans to be fatally shot by police.

And while Black Americans made up 12.5 percent of the United States population in 2020, they were the victims in 61 percent of all gun homicides.

According to the American Progress, "this is due to a combination of weak gun laws; systemic racial inequities, including unequal access to safe housing and adequate educational and employment opportunities; and a history of disinvestment in public infrastructure and services in the communities of color most affected by gun violence."

Discriminatory and unjust policies and practices such as slavery and Jim Crow are the reason that Black communities are still struggling to overcome the inequities in our society today.

Time and time again our country has forced Black Americans to pay the price for its sins, causing countless lives to be lost in the process.

Instead of acknowledging this public safety concern, our government continues to choose to remain ignorant, crafting a narrative of a war on the Second Amendment.

So, allow me to be clear: I support the Second Amendment.

But I will not sit idly by and hear the abuse of the far right's interpretation of the Second Amendment.

In June 2022, the Supreme Court took a radical step when it ruled in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen* that the right to carry a weapon or self-defense extends to outside the home.

In this case, plaintiffs challenged the 100-year old New York state handgun licensing law requiring individuals to show proper cause before they can be licensed to carry a concealed weapon in public.

The Court ultimately ruled New York's concealed carry law unconstitutional, extending the right to own a gun for self-defense in the home to exist outside the home as well.

This decision altered the well-established test for evaluating gun safety laws and threatens the lives of millions around the country.

The Court's decision sheds light to a growing misinterpretation of the Second Amendment.

As both a legislature and a legal scholar, I must point out that the Second Amendment is not absolute.

No where in the Second Amendment does it prohibit regulating guns.

How dare we sit by when lives are being lost and act as though there is nothing we can do?

Is there no sense of responsibility to provide restrictions to save lives?

Our role in Congress is to ensure that we utilize every tool available to us to keep our cities safe.

We need to reimagine public safety by holding law enforcement officers who violate the public trust accountable, using public health resources to address mental health crises, and ensuring all communities are not overpoliced, well-resourced with access to job opportunities, affordable childcare, and capable social services to improve the quality of life.

We need to increase the use of civilian responders deployed to incidents involving mental health concerns and disturbances or disputes.

We need to strengthen governmental agencies dedicated to violence intervention and neighborhood safety.

We need to pass legislation such as H.R. 52, the Kimberly Vaughn Firearm Safe Storage Act, a bill I introduced which establishes best practices for safe firearm storage to protect Americans, especially children, from improperly stored or misused firearms.

We need to pass legislation, such as H.R. 48 the Gun Violence Reduction Resources Act of 2023, which will work to hire additional Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive agents and investigators to enforce gun laws.

We need to focus on mental health and pass legislation such as H.R. 46 the Mental Health Access and Gun Violence Prevention Act, which will authorize funding to increase

access to mental health care treatment to reduce gun violence.

These bills are particularly important as it pertains to mental health given the following facts:

Suicide is the leading cause of gun related deaths in America.

More than 60 percent of deaths by guns in the country are the result of individuals using these weapons as a means to commit suicide.

Approximately 1 in 4 American adults have a mental illness and nearly half of all adults in America will develop at least one mental illness during their lifetime.

Less than half of children and adults with diagnosable mental health problems receive the treatment they need.

Gun violence is a nonpartisan issue with bipartisan solutions.

We act as though our hands are tied behind our back, despite the countless options at our disposal.

I join my CBC colleagues in advancing common-sense bills that work to prevent gun violence.

Protecting our communities and protecting our families need to be priority.

#### REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA DOTY

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Cynthia Doty, long time resident of the Upper West Side, political activist, and Democratic District Leader, who passed away in Manhattan at the age of 72 on July 17, 2023.

I first met Cynthia 30 years ago working in local Democratic politics. I worked alongside her former boss Assemblymember Ed Sullivan in the New York State Assembly. Cynthia served 9 years as his Legislative Associate and Special Assistant. In Albany, she drafted legislation and negotiated budgets. In the district, she advocated on behalf of thousands of constituents to protect their housing and deliver needed services.

Cynthia was a major force in the Three Parks Independent Democrats political club and served as its President and as District Leader. Cynthia was kind, honest, and skilled at her position, and was both respected and beloved within the community. She was extremely reliable—if she said she was going to get something done, it would always get done—and she was a gracious host to me and others who visited her political club frequently. Under her leadership, the club members were very active in gathering petition signatures and mobilizing the vote in our area for countless elected officials at all levels of politics from District Leader to Congressman, Senator, and President. Cynthia and her club did the work to help get Democrats elected across the country—not just in New York—and organized bus trips to Connecticut and Pennsylvania to get out the votes. She ran phone banks that reached voters across the country and was always finding ways for volunteers to get involved and fight for causes they believed in. She was my guest at both inaugurations of President Obama and fre-

quently attended marches and protests on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. She opposed the war in Iraq, supported a woman's right to choose, and defended LGBTQ+ rights. She supported community farms and was a member of a CSA (community supported agriculture) where she enjoyed volunteering.

Cynthia was born into a Democratic family in Philadelphia in 1951, where she developed her progressive principles and a deep commitment to public service. Cynthia went to public school, co-chaired the racial justice committee at her college, and led several college groups to Washington to protest the Vietnam War. Her parents were active in politics—her father, Ethan Allen Doty, served as a judge for over 40 years and was a leading figure in the Democratic reform movement. Her mother, Beatrice Graham Doty, was a Democratic State Committeewoman. Her brothers, Ed Doty and Warren Doty, both served in elected positions in Pelham, New York and Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts respectively.

Cynthia was not only into politics. She spent 20 years as a theatrical costume designer in major productions that appeared on Broadway, at Lincoln Center, and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. She worked in film on *The Wiz* with Michael Jackson and Diana Ross, in opera with the 3 tenors—Jose Carreras, Luciano Pavarotti, and Placido Domingo, and on Broadway in the production of *On Your Toes*. After many of her friends passed away due to the AIDS epidemic, Cynthia was moved to return to community service and work for social justice.

It was her passion for justice and her willingness to fight for what she believed in that helped her inspire others to participate in the political process and be motivated to go out and vote.

It is entirely fitting that she ended her political career as the Manhattan Deputy Chief Clerk at the New York City Board of Elections. In that role, she oversaw a vast operation of election officials responsible for processing ballots during several tumultuous changes in New York State election law. She oversaw “early voting” efforts that allow people to vote before election day and efforts to ensure absentee or vote by mail ballots were processed properly during the COVID-19 epidemic. She helped ensure polling places were open and accessible and people knew where and how to vote.

In, perhaps, her last major election, she was involved in processing my own re-election in a contested primary in Manhattan. She was the consummate professional and made sure the election was carried out without controversy. Too often we take for granted the work people like Cynthia do to help our communities, but we would be remiss if we did not honor and thank her and her team for a job well done.

I enjoyed working with Cynthia over the past 30 to 40 years. Her contributions to her community knew no end. The people of Manhattan's Upper West Side will miss her deeply but know that we will continue to carry out the work that she cared about so deeply. We will continue to work for social justice, environmental justice, women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and health care for all. I thank her for her years of service. May she rest in peace. And may her memory be a blessing to us all.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 2023, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “NAY” on rollcall No. 285.

I strongly oppose H. Res. 529, a resolution to refer H. Res. 503 from the House floor to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on the Judiciary. That resolution impeaches President Joe Biden for high crimes and misdemeanors relating to actions taken that involve immigration and the southern border. President Biden continues to lead with integrity and has done more than any other President to combat substance use disorder and address the mental health crisis. In the absence of Congressional action, I have been heartened to work with the Biden Administration to make significant and meaningful reforms to address the immigration challenges facing our Nation. Rather than consider legislation that is purely politically driven, it is my hope that we get back to the serious work of legislating on the real issues our country faces, for the People.

I also would have voted “NAY” on rollcall No. 286. I strongly oppose H. Res. 461, condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States. Migrants deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and I commend anyone who follows the Golden Rule and finds shelter for those most in need.

#### HONORING MS. JACQUELINE SAUNDERS

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding musician, dedicated educator, committed community servant, and dear friend of longstanding, Ms. Jacqueline Saunders. She will be honored at the Chancel Choir's 60th Anniversary Gospel Concert at First Missionary Baptist Church of Thomasville, Georgia on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

Jacqueline Saunders has used her life's work to help others to reach their full potential through music, theatre, and education. It has been said that “Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth.” Ms. Saunders has paid her rent, and she has paid it well. Ms. Saunders graduated from Morris Brown College in 1973 with a B.A. Degree in English. During her matriculation at Morris Brown, she was initiated into the sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Kappa Sorority Inc., which makes her a Golden Soror. She was also a member of the Morris Brown College Wolverine Marching Band.

Her love of knowledge and learning took her academic pursuits to the University of Georgia, Valdosta State College (Now University), Walden University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she received her M.S. in Counseling Education in 1988.

Ms. Saunders has had a long and storied career as an educator that began in 1973. She has served in many roles during her professional career to include, Instructor of English and Social Studies, English Language and Literature Instructor, Instructor of English Communications, Career Advisor Coordinator/Career Adviser, Counselor/Teacher, Upward Bound Counselor, Student Support Team and 504 Coordinator, 9th and 10th Grade Counselor and PK-5 Counselor. Her professional stops during her educational journey have included Brooks County Junior High School, Thomas County, Turn Around School, The University of Wisconsin, Thomas County Central High School, Thomas University, Thomasville High School, and J.K. Harper Elementary School. Ms. Saunders had a brief respite from her educational career from 1984 to 86 where she served in several roles at National Savings and Trust Bank in Washington, D.C. but she quickly returned to her first love of education.

A wonderful woman of God, Ms. Saunders served as Church Musician for Ochlocknee and Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Churches from 1959–69. From 1959 through the present, she has served as a Church musician for Mercy Seat Christian and First Missionary Baptist Churches. She also has been a member of the acclaimed Georgia Mass Choir since 1981.

In addition, she has expanded her horizons in the performing arts by appearing in the 1996 movie, "The Preacher's Wife," which starred Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston, and she also appeared in the Broadway play "Why Do Good Girls Like Bad Boys?" She has also broadened her horizons by traveling and participating in an international tour of France, England, Spain, and Italy.

Amidst all her other activities, she has always found time to give back to her community. "It has been said that service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Jacqueline Saunders has paid her rent, and she has paid it well! Through her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., she has given her time, treasure, and talent to many community initiatives. Ms. Saunders founded the Lambda Xi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and served as its Basileus from 1977 to 79 and 1992 to 93. She is an example of what can happen when 1 carries out God's purpose for her life.

Jacqueline Saunders has exemplified a life of service to God using her many talents to touch the lives of countless souls fortunate enough to cross paths with her. She has done so much for so many for so long.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join my wife Vivian, and I, along with the members of the Chancel Choir, First Missionary Baptist Church of Thomasville, Georgia, as well as the 765,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in honoring and commending Ms. Jacqueline Sanders for her commitments to God, her community, and to humankind.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 372, I mistakenly voted NO when I intended to vote AYE.

## APPRECIATING THE SERVICE OF JULIE KIM

### HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Julie Kim upon her retirement from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) after 33 years of dedicated public service. During this time, Ms. Kim advised Members, congressional staff, and committees on a wide range of foreign policy issues and historic world events with significant ramifications for the security of the United States and U.S. geopolitical interests.

Ms. Kim joined CRS as an Analyst in European Affairs in the immediate aftermath of the fall of the Berlin Wall, at a time of momentous change in Europe and during a critical period in U.S. foreign policy. Ms. Kim covered the post-communist transitions in Eastern Europe, the break-up of the former Soviet Union, and the wars in the Western Balkans in the 1990s. Through her written analysis and consultative work on topics ranging from U.S. foreign assistance to Central and Eastern Europe, to NATO and European Union enlargement, to sanctions policy and peacekeeping operations in the Western Balkans, Ms. Kim contributed immensely to the knowledge of this body and its ability to provide oversight and respond legislatively to the implications of these seismic events for European security, transatlantic relations, and U.S. global leadership.

Ms. Kim also directly supported CRS' leading role in implementing the Frost-Solomon Task Force on the Development of Parliamentary Institutions for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the 1990s. She later served as a key CRS liaison with the House Democracy Assistance Commission/House Democracy Partnership (HDP), which evolved from the work of the Frost-Solomon Task Force, and subsequently participated in many congressional legislative strengthening programs in Europe and beyond.

For the past 19 years, Ms. Kim served in a number of managerial positions at CRS, including 11 years as the Section Research Manager of the Foreign Policy Management and Global Issues section within the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division (FDT),

and as Acting Deputy Assistant Director of FDT several times. In recent years, Ms. Kim headed the Europe and the Americas team of analysts, who have been actively engaged in advising Congress as it addresses Russian military aggression against Ukraine, as well as political unrest and migration in Latin America, among other significant foreign policy challenges. Ms. Kim also contributed to many CRS-wide managerial initiatives, including playing an integral role in managing the public release of CRS products and working to increase diversity and inclusion at CRS, including through her efforts to establish a relationship between CRS and the Rangel/Payne summer internship program. In all of these managerial posts, Ms. Kim demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and mentored countless new analysts and younger colleagues, leaving a lasting imprint and legacy of excellence and service on the CRS workforce.

Please join me in expressing the gratitude of this body, and its appreciation on behalf of the American people, to Ms. Kim for more than three decades of service to CRS and the U.S. Congress. Alongside her CRS colleagues, family, and friends, we congratulate Ms. Kim on a storied and impactful career and on a well-deserved retirement.

## DAVID CITY'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 2023*

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish David City, Nebraska a very happy 150th birthday.

August 6, 1873 marks the day David City was made the county seat of Butler County.

Since 1873, David City has grown and distinguished itself in many ways. Providing an excellent quality of life for their small town with exceptional education and job opportunities.

While David City is home to just about 3,000, it's the birthplace of notable people—like former U.S. Senator Roman Hruska; the founder of Hallmark cards, Joyce Hall; and Catholic Bishop Kenneth Steiner.

Major employers in the City include Timpte, ADM, and David City Public Schools among others.

David City is proud of its Catholic roots. Aquinas Catholic Schools educates many of the town's people and St. Mary's Church is almost as old as the town itself.

As David City reaches this sesquicentennial birthday, there is much to celebrate.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, I congratulate David City on 150 years and wish them fun as they celebrate this incredible milestone.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 12:03:00 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:03:30 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 31 public bills, H.R. 5134–5164; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 644–648, were introduced. **Pages H4164–65**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4166–67**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NJ) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4163**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. John Kellogg, Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington, DC. **Page H4163**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 788 was held at the desk. S. 992 was held at the desk. S. 1528 was held at the desk. S. 1608 was held at the desk. S. 1858 was held at the desk. **Page H4163**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H4163.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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